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November 2, 1965

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Ray S. Cline
 Deputy Director for Intelligence
 Central Intelligence Agency

FROM: Leonard Unger
Deputy Assistant Secretary
 Far Eastern Affairs

Your representatives at last week's Vietnam Coordinating Committee meeting heard a lengthy discussion of a critical economic warfare situation in Vietnam which in some respects seems to be tied in with Communist world-wide economic and commercial networks. AID and CIA have been working on this subject since last spring but without the staff resources that seem clearly required. AID/FE has been chairing an ad hoc interagency subcommittee on Vietnam economic warfare for the past two or three months. An economic warfare committee is operating on the same subject in Saigon chaired by USOM's Assistant Director for Program and Economic Planning, [redacted]

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This situation appears to be of such critical importance as to warrant immediate counter measures, calling for concerted action on the part of a number of concerned agencies. It was the unanimous feeling of the Vietnam Coordinating Committee that a great deal more concentrated intelligence gathering, research and collation (in Vietnam and internationally) is required to guide and support the necessary action, and that several of the agencies most directly concerned should be requested immediately to extend full cooperation to this high priority project and if requested to detail personnel on an ad hoc basis to AID's new Office of Commodity Analysis headed by William Mazzocco, Special Assistant to the Assistant Administrator, Far East.

Therefore I would be most appreciative if you would designate someone immediately to commence work and inform Mr. Walter G. Stoneman, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Far East, AID, Department of State, of your designee.

For "low visibility" AID's new office is called "Commodity Analysis" rather than "Economic Warfare" and will consist of only two officers and a secretary. However, other full-time personnel working

State Dept. review completed

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